



News Briefs

New Year's dance
The American Legion, Post 20, Belle Glade, is sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance on Saturday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Music will be provided by Jim Michaels. There will be free party favors. Cost is \$10 per person.

Bloodbank schedule
The Palm Beach Blood Bank Bloodmobile is permanently stationed in the Lake Okeechobee area to visit groups and organizations in western Palm Beach County. The Bloodmobile travels to Everglades Memorial Hospital in Pahokee the first and third Wednesday of every month from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

In addition, the Bloodmobile visits Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m.

Special arrangements can be made for individuals or groups who wish to donate, but are unable to do so during regular hours. The Palm Beach Blood Bank offers free blood cholesterol level screenings for all donors.

The Bloodmobile will be at WSWN Radio Station, 2001 State Road 715 on Tuesday, Jan. 3, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

It will be at Glades Central Community High School, 425 West Canal Street North, on Monday, Jan. 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Palm Beach Community College closed Jan. 2.

Palm Beach Community College, Glades Campus, will be closed Monday, Jan. 2. The college will open for registration on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

PBCC's registration will continue and winter term classes are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Nominations sought
The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for those citizens who have performed meritoriously for the good of Pahokee.

The awards, which will be presented at the annual banquet on Feb. 3, are: Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, City Employee of the Year, Pioneer, Business of the Year, and Distinguished Service.

Nominations should be in the form of a letter or you may use the forms available at the chamber.

Submittals must be in the chamber by Jan. 10, for consideration.

For more information, contact Alice Thompson at 924-5578.

Gents to host New Year's Eve Ball
The GENTS will be hosting their 20th annual New Year's Eve Ball at the National Guard Armory, Belle Glade, on Dec. 31, beginning at 9 p.m.

For ticket information, contact any member of the GENTS. No tickets will be sold at the door.

A buffet-style dinner will be served.

Harvest season resumes after week-long shut down

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Farmers in the area are hoping the dry, cool weather stays around for a few weeks, giving them time to get back into production.

The rainier-than-normal fall and now winter season has wreaked havoc with this year's harvest of sugarcane and vegetable crops, according to local growers.

"It's been a real struggle all year up to this point," says Ed Hamilton, general farm manager for A Duda and Sons, one of the largest vegetable producers in the area. "We are at half of our normal expectations for this time of year," he added.

Tropical Storm Gordon was hard on the area, dumping unwelcome rains on an already sodden muck soil. Two other heavy rainfalls since then have also raised the water tables and the latest storm dumped 4 to 7 inches in the Glades.

"Our radishes were the worst hit," said Mr. Hamilton. "We should be harvesting one million radishes by this time. We don't have 20 percent of that."

Radishes are reportedly going for \$20 a box, but Mr. Hamilton said "Prices are very high, but our volumes are so low."

Bill Kramer, general manager for Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, said the co-op is having to carefully pick and choose which fields they can go into for harvesting because of the wet ground.

The co-op has had to shut down harvesting and milling four times this year because of the rains. "It costs more to have to start up and shut down," he said. "For every day we delay, though, it extends the harvest season," he added.

Mr. Kramer said his biggest concern is the young plant cane. "It tends to weaken the cane," he said. "It's not good for it to have so much water."



Holiday X-cess...Christmas day must have been good for many families in the Glades, judging from the amount of holiday wrapping paper and boxes left in special dumpsters throughout the city. Sanitation workers began dumping the specially-marked "X-mas boxes only" on Monday morning.

SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting



Spreading holiday cheer...The security staff at Palm Glade Apartments in Belle Glade spent last Thursday afternoon delivering food to needy families in the apartment complex. Fifteen families were surprised with a box of food. Shown is recipient Gloria Anderson, mother of six children ages 5 to 16 and Capt. James Earl Jones.

SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting

Chamber's decorating contest winners are announced

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of the Chamber's Annual Christmas Decorating Contest. Entries were judged in three categories: Best Business, Residential - Christmas Spirit, and Residential - Religious.

The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center took first place in the business category, with second place going to Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, and third place to Bank of Pahokee. In the residential - Christmas Spirit category, first place went to Alfonso and Mary

Funderburk, with second going to Catherine Huffstichler, and third to Karl and Joy Larsen. For the residential religious category, first place went to Trevor and Angela Moodie. Tommie Gilbert took second, and third place went to Ann Baez.

All winners will be notified when the prizes are available for pick-up.

The board of directors and staff of the chamber would like to thank all who participated and wish everyone in the communities a Happy New Year.

Kwanza celebration planned for Saturday

The Zora Neale Hurston Roof Garden Museum, the African American Cultural Arts Organization, Inc., and the Glades Central High School class of 1976 will host the sixth annual Kwanza Celebration.

The event will be on Saturday, Dec. 31, at Lake Shore Middle School in the media center.

For more information, contact Darlene Boldin at 996-0796.

Year in Review...a look back at the top stories in 1994

- Jan. 6, 1994**

 - Everglades Regional Medical Center, Pahokee, and Glades General Hospital, Belle Glade, celebrated the birth of their first babies born in 1994.
 - Troopers with the Florida Highway Patrol investigated a three-car collision on State Road 25, 15 miles south of South Bay.
 - The Belle Glade Fire Department received a donated fire hose. The value of the 2,600 feet of hose was estimated to be over \$6,000.
- Jan. 13, 1994**

 - A 34-year-old Pahokee man was killed after he allegedly struck a power pole cable Jan. 8 while hanging onto the steering wheel of a moving car. James Dean died when a car driven by Gregory Ryan drug him, two-thirds of a mile. Sheriff's department reports stated Ryan said Dean was trying to rob him.
- Jan. 20, 1994**

 - Police responded to a call about a fire Sunday morning at 524 S.W. Seventh St., Belle Glade, and found apartment 5 on fire. Fire crews put out the fire and found the body of Olden Hildreth Jasper, 423 Agent. Cline D. Whitlock said he believes the fire started from a cigarette Jasper was smoking in bed. Damage to the building was minimal.
 - Heather Trethorn takes on the position of Director of the West
- Jan. 27, 1994**

 - County Service Center of the American Red Cross. Ms. Teeters filled the shoes of Anne Hopkins who left the last of December.
 - Detectives with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department seized nearly \$40,000 worth of cocaine Wednesday in Covenant Village.
 - After residents made numerous complaints to Pahokee City Commissioners about garbage collections, County Sanitation is working with the city and the residents to correct the mishaps and control the amount of debris on the city's streets.
 - Belle Glade police caught two men who entered the home of Vivian and Lee Warren Scott with a gun and robbed them. Mrs. Scott and her infant child were the only ones home Jan. 14.
- Feb. 3, 1994**

 - Glades Central Raiders' football seniors announces their college choices. Fred Taylor will attend the University of Florida. Reidel Anthony will also attend UF. Willie Jones announced that he will attend the University of Georgia.
 - The residents of South Bay do not want a juvenile hall in their community and showed up in numbers to address the issue at the city commission meeting Tuesday night.
- Feb. 10, 1994**

 - Larry Konchelleah, president of the Glades NAACP, received his U.S. Citizenship papers Jan. 25 after waiting over a year for his application to be processed.
 - The City of Pahokee held their Annual Awards Banquet in which they named Jo Hutton as the Citizen of the Year.
 - The local branch of the American Red Cross has stepped in to help a man after a fire destroyed his mobile home last Friday morning. Freddy Carter, 49, of 622 S.W. Fifth St., was asleep Feb. 2 when his mobile home caught on fire about 5 a.m. The mobile home sustained \$5,000 in damages. Mr. Carter's car, which was parked next to the mobile home, received about \$3,000 damage.
 - With no opposition, South Bay Commissioners Anthony and Marshall will serve another term representing the citizens of South Bay.
- Feb. 17, 1994**

 - In the first of several costly improvements to the city's drinking water system and the wastewater treatment plant, Belle Glade officials voted Monday night to spend \$770,000.
 - Charles Ruff, a local homeless man, was found dead Saturday, Feb. 12, in a vacant lot. Mr. Ruff's body was taken to the medical examiner's office where it was determined the cause of death was a heart attack.
 - The Belle Glade Police Department, along with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department investigated the unexpected death of a 2-month-old baby Feb. 11 at the Belle Glade Service Center (HRS building). An autopsy revealed the child died from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
 - A fiery crash claimed the lives of five youngsters Friday, Feb. 18, on State Road 15. Four people killed in the collision were brothers and sisters. One of the youth's was their cousin.
 - Glades pioneer Hub Spooner, 79, of Belle Glade, died suddenly Saturday, Feb. 19, of a massive heart attack. Mr. Spooner was a resident of the Glades for 72 years.
- March 3, 1994**

 - Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department officials arrested one of their own early Sunday morning after he shot and critically wounded Gary Miller, 22, outside of a bar establishment in Belle Glade.
 - A Pahokee woman was arrested Feb. 27 and charged with two counts of aggravated battery with a motor vehicle after she allegedly ran over two women who were riding their bicycles on Canal St. in Canal Point.
 - Belle Glade's oldest citizen,
- March 10, 1994**

 - Following the retirement of former Glades Correctional Institution Superintendent John Shaw, the close-custody facility in Belle Glade has a new superintendent who isn't new to criminal justice. Gerald Abdul-Wasi, 46, brings to the Glades a multitude of experience. Mr. Wasi is the first Black superintendent at GCI.
 - District 6 County Commissioner Ken Foster held a small reception last Thursday at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge to kick off his re-election campaign.
- March 17, 1994**

 - Two South Bay Commissioners were sworn into another term in office Tuesday night during the city commission meeting. Taking the oath to uphold the duties of their

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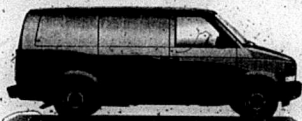
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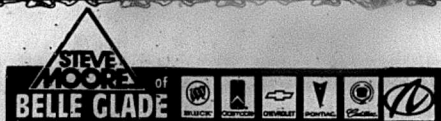
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SECRETARIAL POSITION available in agricultural office. Must have 5 years experience. Only qualified applicants need apply. Good benefits. Please send resume to: Secretary, P.O. Box 2226, Belle Glade, FL 33430. (th)

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT starting January 1995. We are taking applications for experienced tax preparers, computer operators, and receptionist. Apply H & R Block, 349 NW 16th Street, Belle Glade, on Dec. 21, 28 & 29. 12/29

OFFICE MANAGER to act as assistant to Center Director in administering and directing a multi-disciplinary Research and Education Center. Requirements: High School Diploma and 5 years appropriate experience. Send resume or State application by January 16, 1995 to Dr. K.L. Pemzney, Everglades Research and Education Center, P.O. Box 8003, Belle Glade, FL 33430 (407-996-3062, Ext. 169). 12/29

DIRECTOR OF NURSING. Established Medicare-certified Home Health company expanding to Palm Beach (District 9) area has immediate need for an experienced RN to open and staff its main office in the Glades area. Clinical and supervisory experience required. Knowledge of Medicare guidelines a plus. Top salary and benefits. Send letter and resume or CV with salary history to: DON, 2881 E. Oakland Pk. Blvd., Suite 101, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306. FAX: 305-566-6482, or call 305-565-2600. 12/29

STAFFING COORDINATOR. Established Medicare-certified Home Health company expanding to Palm Beach (District 9) area has immediate need for an experienced staffing coordinator to take charge of all patient scheduling, patient intake, patient and employee files, and other office duties at its main office opening in the Glades area. Previous experience required; medical terminology preferred; English/Spanish/Creole highly desired. Top salary and benefits. Send letter and resume with salary history to: SC, 2881 E. Oakland Pk. Blvd., Suite 101, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306. FAX: 305-566-6482, or call 305-565-2600. 12/29

PROGRAM MANAGER. FT, Mon-Fri \$10/hr. for Alzheimer's Adult Day Care Center in Pahokee. Must have min. 2 yrs. activity programming for geriatric population. Exp. with dementia programming a plus. Must have 2 yrs. supervisory experience. Must be organized & creative. Call the Alzheimer's Association 407-736-2699. 12/29

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FIELD TECHNICIAN - water quality research, HS diploma or greater, benefits. **IMMEDIATE.** Dr. Anderson, 407-996-3062 ext. 161. 1/5

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Personal Touch Home Health Services, Inc.
2881 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 101
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Ownership of Personal Touch Home Health Services, Inc. is held by: Personal Touch Home Health Services, Inc. 12/29

It is our intention to apply to the Secretary of State to register the said name of Personal Touch Home Health Services under the provisions of Chapter 206.33, laws of Florida, Act of 1981.
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Legal No. 94-120

POLICE OFFICER
Examinations for the position of Police Officer (City of Belle Glade) will be held at the Municipal complex at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on 12-29-94. Applicants must be filed with the Personnel Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on 12-28-94. Requirements: Certified as Personnel Department. Civil Service rules will apply. Civil Service Board: Luis T. Davis, Secretary
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Legal #94-140

CLERK-TYPIST
Examinations for the position of Clerk Typist (City of Belle Glade) will be held at the Municipal complex at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on 12-29-94. Applicants must be filed with the Personnel Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on 12-28-94. Requirements: Certified as Personnel Department. Civil Service rules will apply. Civil Service Board: Luis T. Davis, Secretary
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Legal #94-141

DISPATCHER
Examinations for the position of Dispatcher (City of Belle Glade) will be held at the Municipal complex at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on 12-29-94. Applicants must be filed with the Personnel Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on 12-28-94. Requirements: Certified as Personnel Department. Civil Service rules will apply. Civil Service Board: Luis T. Davis, Secretary
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ACCOUNTING CLERK
Examinations for the position of Accounting Clerk (City of Belle Glade) will be held at the Municipal complex at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on 12-29-94. Applicants must be filed with the Personnel Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on 12-28-94. Requirements: Certified as Personnel Department. Civil Service rules will apply. Civil Service Board: Luis T. Davis, Secretary
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48 - FINANCIAL SERVICES

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51 - BUILDING MATERIALS

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FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.

Looking back over the weeks . . .

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position were Clarence Anthony and Willie Marshall.

• Howard "Doc" Hill, a prolific builder in the City of Belle Glade, has vowed he will not build another rental apartment of single-family home in the city while the current building inspector is on the job.

March 24, 1994

• An altercation which escalated into a fight left one man dead and another wounded Sunday, March 20, at South Shore Lake Village.

• "I Love Pahokee Day" is this Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a dedication of the city's marina by the Honorable Addie L. Greene, Florida House of Representatives.

• The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority sponsored the 14th Festival of Afro Arts Saturday, March 19, at the Lake Shore Park.

• Glades-area residents recently rallied together to show their appreciation and support for a lifetime resident of Belle Glade, Albert Dowdell, 89, was honored with a roast that highlighted his accomplishments and services he has performed for the City of Belle Glade. Police Chief Michael Miller named Dowdell to lieutenant during the roast.

March 31, 1994

• The sun wasn't enough to keep Glades-area citizens away from a day of fun and history-making in Pahokee last Saturday.

• A Lake Shore Middle School student was found hanging in a shed off Airport Rd. The death of the 14-year-old honor student came as a shock to many of Jacqueline Lane's teachers, friends and the community. Jacqueline's body was found a week after she was crowned Miss Afro Arts, a Black Heritage pageant.

April 7, 1994

• Pahokee Mayor Ramon Horta and Commissioner Pete Moore will campaign for another term in office. According to Pahokee City Clerk Debra Palmer, Robert Alvis Davis has filed to run against Mayor Horta. Glenn Carrick will run against Comm. Pete Moore.

• A two-car collision on U.S. Highway 27 claimed the life of one person April 4. The accident occurred 7.2 miles south of the City of South Bay. Killed in the accident was Ben James Bramley, 72, of Fort Lauderdale.

• A three-car collision claimed the life of a father and mother Wednesday, March 30, on U.S. Highway 27. Tommy Goodard, 43, and his wife Rose Goodard, 43, were killed in the accident. Their son, Christian Goodard, 4, was listed in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital.

April 14, 1994

• A Belle Glade man is in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital after being shot in the face with a handgun during an argument over a parking space last Saturday night. Police arrested at Cielito Lindo, 1801 S. Main St., after Alca Cortez, 27, allegedly shot Luis Navarro, 38.

April 21, 1994

• Members of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department and the Pahokee Police Department responded to an early morning shooting at the Florida Bar, 407 S. Lake Ave., Saturday, April 16. PBSD reported state Ronald Woodfolk, 20, of Royal Palm Beach, and Gregory Dent, 24, of Pahokee, were involved in argument when shots were fired. Woodfolk was shot and killed. Dent was shot in the lower torso and seriously wounded. Lavent Osborne was arrested April 17 and charged with one count of aggravated battery after he confessed to shooting Dent.

• A 14-year-old Lake Shore Middle School student was stabbed in the neck by another student while on the school bus. A 12-year-old boy is charged with attempted second degree murder after pulling a hunting knife and stabbing the other student.

• Palm Beach County won a four-year legal battle with Leonard Briscoe last Thursday when a circuit court judge ruled that the county had not breached Mr. Briscoe's contract to construct Palm Glades housing development in Belle Glade.

• The South Bay Police Department made an arrest April 13 that could possibly put a dent in the illegal lottery business in the Glades area. Jimmie Lee Williams was arrested by Sgt. G. Flores after he pulled Williams' black pickup truck over after receiving confidential

information he would be carrying illegal lottery tickets.

• The South Bay Police Department seized 66 grams of cocaine and arrested two Fort Myers residents April 12 after they were stopped because the car they were driving had a broken tail light. Katrina Bryer and Miguel R. Rivera were arrested and placed in the Palm Beach County Jail.

April 23, 1994

• The 1994 Harvest Queen and her court were announced. They are: Harvest Queen—Stephanie McKinley, first runner-up—Ginger Wade, second runner-up—Julie Hatt, third runner-up—Marilyn Angel, fourth runner-up—Valerie York.

• The City of Pahokee's finance director announced his resignation Tuesday. Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck and rumors and speculation began to shatter the community instantly.

May 5, 1994

• Pahokee residents showed up at the polls May 3 and according to the residents, Mayor Ramon Horta and Commissioner Pete Moore are the people's choices.

• If the Glades can show there is a need for growth and improvement within the three cities (Pahokee, Belle Glade and South Bay), it can be awarded \$400 million over a 10-year period.

May 12, 1994

• The City of South Bay is under scrutiny again and the mayor has ordered a complete investigation into the allegations that one of the police officers treated John Clait unfairly in his arrest. Clait, along with other South Bay residents, addressed the commission May 3 and spoke of the alleged brutality the citizens of the community were experiencing. Residents spoke of safety hazards the officers had shown when running through the housing projects with loaded guns with crowds of children around.

• Independent candidate Bill Tyson, who is running for the District 6 County Commission seat, held by Ken Foster, has opened an office in Belle Glade. He has also opened an office in Wellington.

May 18, 1994

• A Pahokee High School teacher was arrested May 10 by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department and charged with sexual activity with a child in a familiar custodial authority. The teacher had been a tutor on several occasions. Greyling Aubrey, 38, is accused of engaging in sexual activity with a 16-year-old female student.

• A Belle Glade man was released from St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach after being shot during a robbery. Anthony D. Bradley, 18, was approached by two men with guns on May 10. One of the men shot Bradley in the left leg and left wrist and then took \$400 from his back pocket. Belle Glade police officers arrested Keith Cain, 28, and Aaron B. Lory, 28, both of Belle Glade.

• Five children who were killed in a traffic accident in January were remembered May 10 at St. Philip Benizi Church in Belle Glade. The St. Philip Benizi Computer Center was dedicated to the memory of Omar Ortega, 17, Lisette Ortega, 15, Jorge Sifuentes, 7, Pedro Sifuentes, 5, and Priscilla Perez, 4.

May 26, 1994

• The Pahokee City Commission met Tuesday evening to address the water issue and the Canal Point residents and businesses. According to Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck, Utilities Incorporated presently has receivership of the Canal Point community's water. The courts awarded them the receivership after the former department, Southeastern States Utilities, were extremely in debt to the city. Pahokee City Clerk Debra Palmer said Southeastern States Utilities owes the city \$77,916.96.

• Christian Day School students were told their school and Glades Day School would merge and become consolidated. Officials said the consolidation was done strictly because of financial reasons.

• Maude Varen, chairperson of the fifth Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, was surprised when Belle Glade Police Chief Michael Miller turned the program around and also honored her for sponsoring the program for five years.

June 2, 1994

• A single-car accident claimed

the life of a Pahokee woman May 30 on the I-8 Canal Rd. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department reports indicate the woman's car was traveling approximately 45-50 mph. Linda Garcia, 29, was killed when the car she was riding in ran off the roadway and down an embankment, about 3 miles west of Lion Country Safari.

• A Palm Beach County School Board employee has vowed to run for a Palm Beach County commission seat, already held by Commissioner Ken Foster. Alan R. Firpo is the coordinator of an Alternative Education fourth and fifth grade pilot program at Malealeuca Elementary School.

June 9, 1994

• An early morning fight between two inmates at the Glades Correctional Institute in Belle Glade led to an attack of a corrections officer who was on duty at the time.

• A fire destroyed a home in Freedom Village in Pahokee Monday, June 6. The fire left a Pahokee mother of seven children homeless. The entire upper-level of the two-story home was completely destroyed.

June 16, 1994

• It was standing room only as friends, family and co-workers gathered Monday morning at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade to say goodbye to Detective Sgt. Steve Haller III, Sgt. Haller, 52, a 15-year veteran of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, died June 10 from cancer.

• A 6-year-old boy was critically injured Tuesday afternoon after being hit by a Belle Glade city maintenance truck. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, James L. Harrell of Belle Glade, and several other pedestrians, were attempting to cross SW Avenue E at S.W. 12th St. when the accident occurred.

• Zora Neal Hurston Roof Garden Museum Founder Cartheda Konchellah, and Membership Chairman, the Honorable Clarence E. Anthony, announced the \$50,000 contribution that officially kicks off the museum's phase 2 fundraising effort. The \$50,000 comes from the United States Sugar Corporation.

June 23, 1994

• Pahokee resident and Glades pioneer, Carmen "Pop" Salvatore Sr., 98, died Friday, June 17, at his residence. Many people enjoyed listening to the history of Pahokee and much information about the Glades when Mr. Salvatore, known simply to many as "Pop," told of the experiences he encountered since he arrived in the states. Mr. Salvatore was born in 1896 in Italy.

• It took less than an hour for one family to lose everything they owned last week. A fire destroyed the Lake Harbor home of John and Jerry Courson.

June 30, 1994

• The City of South Bay was over-run with excitement and anxiety and confusion Wednesday, June 22, when a man shot his wife on U.S. Highway 27. Five days after being released from the Palm Beach County Stockade, Elbert Suarez, 57, gunned down his wife, Noelia Suarez.

• U.S. Highway 27 claimed more lives in an accident Thursday, June 23. Known as "Bloody 27" the lives of three Belle Glade residents have been terminated when the car they were in struck a tractor trailer head on. According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Aishah M. Musallat, 18, and Muhammad Hassan, 12, were killed in the accident. Ana Musallat, 6 months, was transported to St. Mary's Hospital, West Palm Beach, via Trauma Hawk, where she was listed in critical condition. She died later that afternoon.

July 7, 1994

• U.S. Sugar announced plans to shut down its vegetable processing business in the Glades. The shut down was estimated to affect over 1,300 employees.

• A 2-year-old Belle Glade boy lost his life after the car he was riding in drifted off the roadway and ran into a canal. David Manderville drowned.

July 14, 1994

• More bad news this week as A Duda announced the layoff of 200 employees working in their celery operations. The company said it would be replacing mechanical harvesting with hand harvesting and field packing. The packing house would be closed.

July 28, 1994

• Holy Way leader Clarence Williams was sentenced an additional 10.5 years in prison on charges of engaging in illegal sexual activity with children.

• South Bay Growers was looking to sell their salad processing plant in South Bay. They hoped to make the sale by the end of August.

Aug. 4, 1994

• South Bay Mayor Clarence Anthony announced plans to bring a 1,318 bed minimum-security prison to the city. The prison will be located south of South Bay, near Getzland.

• Glades Pioneer Park will receive a state grant for \$100,000 to build a picnic pavilion, stage area for concerts, a bike path, a multi-use area, and a horseshoe pit in the undeveloped northern portion of the park.

Aug. 11, 1994

• Johnny Duce, 38, shot and killed his estranged wife, Mary, and then killed himself. He had been issued a restraining order, but followed his wife to church and killed her in the parking lot before shooting himself.

• Larry Konchellah and Dennis McCarthy qualified to run against Belle Glade Commissioner Dan Bythwood. Carl Seibert qualified to run against incumbent Harma Miller.

Aug. 18, 1994

• Officials with the City of Pahokee were studying the budget and debating whether to transfer police protection to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department.

• Florida House Representative Addie Greene asked the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to investigate allegations of oppression and abuse lodged by members of the Okeechobee and Ocoola Residents' Council against the Belle Glade Housing Authority Board.

Aug. 25, 1994

• The shingles germ was affecting Belle Glade residents. The germ, primarily a threat to pre-school children, can be contained by proper hygiene.

• Belle Glade Volunteer Firefighter Steve Johnson was presented a Medal of Courage for saving the life of a young girl who was drowning in a canal.

Sept. 2, 1994

• Fourteen families were evicted from their homes while a team from the Environmental Protection Agency cleaned their homes with a special vacuum after the homes were contaminated with mercury.

• The mercury was brought home by children who found it in an abandoned van and shared the chemical with their friends.

• Glades Central High School was closed for one day after 13 rooms were found to be contaminated from children bringing the mercury to school.

• The Palm Beach County Commission voted Aug. 23 to turn over ownership and management of Palm Glade Apartments after eight years of litigation and more than \$10 million in county tax expenses. The new management of the 384-unit will be Palm Beach County Housing Partnership Incorporated, a private, non-profit corporation.

Sept. 9, 1994

• Voter turnout was expected to be good as citizens went to the polls in Belle Glade to elect two city commissioners. City Clerk Sue Teets said turnout in the Glades is traditionally higher than in county elections.

• Veteran commissioners Daniels S. Bythwood and Harma Miller both drew opposition for their seats.

Sept. 15, 1994

• Former Canal Point Elementary principal, Kathryn Enecks Cunningham, died Sept. 6, 1994 at the home of her son, David Winn Cunningham, in Fort Huron, Mich. She was the principal of the Canal Point school from 1968 until she retired in 1990.

• A local farm family whose involvement in agriculture in the Glades goes back to 1926 was named the Western Palm Beach County "Farm Family of the Year" at the annual Farm Bureau Banquet Sept. 8. Accepting the honor were several generations of the Chambliss family, whose father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, James Hubert "Hubb" Chambliss, came to Palm Beach County from Anderson, S.C. in 1926 to work for the Palm Beach County Road Department.

Sept. 22, 1994

• The majority of voters said they wanted Daniel S. Bythwood to serve

another two-year term on the Belle Glade City Commission. Mr. Bythwood earned his fifth term on the commission in a win against Glades Commissioner Dennis McDuffy. Harma Miller also won a return seat on the commission.

• Members of the South Bay City Commission appointed Charlie Napier, 62, as the city's new police and fire chief Tuesday night at the South Bay City Commission meeting. Chief Napier replaced the retiring chief, Roy Humston, Wednesday morning.

Sept. 23, 1994

• Glades pioneer and former owner of South Bay Growers Mutt Thomas died in his home at Lake Harbor. In past years, Mr. Thomas had suffered several strokes.

• Leigh Woodham was chosen the new executive director for the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, taking over the position after the resignation of Tim Tanner.

Oct. 6, 1994

• The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners voted to purchase up to 50 acres of land to build a 350-bed juvenile detention center adjacent to the City of Pahokee near Palmar Lake.

• A fatal car accident claimed the life of the son of former Pahokee Mayor Clark Hull Wilkinson Oct. 1. Walter Wilkinson, 41, served as vice-president and general manager of his family's 2,500-acre Red Devon Ranch in Pahokee.

Oct. 13, 1994

• A well-known athlete was shot in the back Saturday, Oct. 8, after a disturbance at a bar escalated into murder in the City of Pahokee. Aaron Bell, 19, allegedly brandished a gun and shot Edwin M. Hardin in the back.

• Glades Area President of the N.A.A.C.P., Larry S. Konchellah, announced that a general election would be held to elect the new executive board on Saturday, Oct. 23.

Oct. 20, 1994

• Remembered as a man who assisted in beginning the Annual Grassy Waters Festival in Pahokee, David E. Sanders died Oct. 12 at Jupiter Medical Center. Mr. Sanders had been stricken with a brain tumor.

• Approximately 30 tenants from the Okeechobee and Ocoola Housing Authority projects picketed in front of Belle Glade City Hall. Protesters said they had a long list of complaints against the housing authority board which is appointed by the city commission.

Oct. 27, 1994

• The Elks Lodge was packed as over 300 people gave a standing ovation when Homer Hand accepted the award as Belle Glade's Citizen of the Year from long-time friend and presenter Dr. Joseph Orsengo.

• A Friday night shooting in Belle Glade left one man critically injured and detectives with the Belle Glade Police Department searching for clues and information. According to police reports, John Lee Hand, 26, of Belle Glade, was shot in the abdomen and face.

Nov. 3, 1994

• A Hialeah man spent a harrowing four hours Oct. 26, pinned in a cane truck with a broken leg while the truck hung off a bridge by one wheel. Rafael V. Leyva, of Hialeah, was traveling north on a cane field road just south of South Bay when he crossed Knight's Farm Bridge. Leyva overthrew the truck, which was loaded with sugar cane.

• Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department officials made an arrest in the death of a 77-year-old Pahokee man. Reported in the Oct. 13, 1994 edition of *The SUN*, Herman Wilson was found dead in his home Oct. 9. After Wilson's neighbors contacted the sheriff's department.

Nov. 10, 1994

• A man who was well liked by the youth in Belle Glade lost the fight for life Friday, Nov. 4, when he died of cancer in West Palm Beach. Dan Brown had been a patient with Hospice for one week. Mr. Brown was the former athletic director at Glades Central Community High School as well as a science teacher.

• A lawsuit was filed by an attorney representing one of the families affected by the mercury spill. Attorney Steven Duhl, representing Martha and Eli-

azar Camacho, said he filed the suit against the property owner where a van with four points of hazardous mercury were found.

Nov. 17, 1994

• Tropical Storm Gordon moved through the Glades this week dumping over 6 inches of rain in our area. Local mills were shut down and agricultural production came to a standstill.

• After Glades Central lost their only game to Clewiston, the Raiders were named runners up in their district. However, after it was noted that Clewiston was playing with an ineligible player, the Raiders were named the district's champions Wednesday, Nov. 16, and Clewiston was forced to forfeit all of their games for the season.

Nov. 24, 1994

• Debra Palmer, city clerk of Pahokee, was awarded the prestigious designation of "Certified Municipal Clerk" (CMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) for achieving its high educational, experience and service requirements.

• Six families who had been living in motels after their homes were contaminated with mercury were told they could go home. A representative from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said tests conducted at the homes showed they are safe to live in. Four families are still living in motels and hope to be home by Christmas.

Dec. 1, 1994

• Several new officers will be patrolling the streets of Belle Glade beginning in January, thanks to a three-year federal grant. The U.S. Department of Justice has approved an award under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), for the City of Belle Glade Police Department. The award is for \$596,104 to hire six law enforcement officers.

• A 23-year-old Belle Glade man was arrested Saturday, Nov. 27, after he allegedly shot his 13-month-old daughter. Belle Glade Police Department reports state the child was beaten into a state of unconsciousness.

Dec. 8, 1994

• South Bay residents who earn a living in the trucking business were concerned about where they could park their vehicles. According to the truckers, if "we cannot park our trucks here, (in the yards) we might as well not live here."

• Funeral services were Dec. 8 for Donald "Zack" Zaccagnino, 63, well-known locally for "Zack's Knives." He died of heart failure at his home.

Dec. 15, 1994

• City commissioners in Belle Glade were debating whether or not to give up control of the Belle Glade Municipal Airport. During Monday night's commission meeting, City Manager Lomax Harrell told commissioners airport maintenance was costing the city about \$40,000 a year.

• Registered voters in Pahokee will go to the polls Feb. 7, 1995 to decide if they want their city commissioners to serve four-year terms rather than two-year terms.

Dec. 22, 1994

• Thought once by the city that was destined to become a ghost town, South Bay recently learned that the Correctional Privatization Commission approved Wackenhut Corporation to build a \$32 million prison south of the City of South Bay. According to reports, the prison would eventually employ 200 people during construction, and 300 people afterwards. South Bay lost their major employer, South Bay Growers, last year after they shut down because of continuous losses. After South Bay Growers announced it was shutting down, residents, commissioners and the mayor were unaware exactly how the city would survive. The closure of South Bay Growers left 1,300 people out of work.

• Pahokee Middle/Senior High School Principal Eugene Jones was bestowed with a plaque and much recognition as he accepted a highly-respected and distinguished award for outstanding leadership recently in Orlando. With only four of these awards given in the State of Florida last year, Commissioner Jones was nominated by Palm Beach County West Area Superintendent Chuck Shaw.

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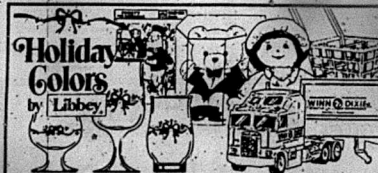
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A successful football season calls for a unique banquet and individualized recognition for all of the players. The Glades Panthers ended their football season with only one loss and Head Coach Daniel Bythwood was committed to showing the coaches that he appreciated their determination and their will to succeed. Mr. Bythwood said he also teaches the young men to respect each other and have fun in the process.

The special banquet was held at Pioneer Park in Belle Glade and each player received a trophy and

some of the players were awarded with special recognition. Trophies were awarded for Most Improved Offensive Player, Most Improved Defensive Player, Most Valuable Player, Best Academic Player, etc. Coach Bythwood said, "It is mandatory that each of the players that participate on this squad turn their report cards in to the coaching staff." He said if a child is unsuccessful in school, or is not putting forth their best effort in the classroom, they will not be permitted to participate on the football field.

A special award was presented Santos Rodriguez Jr. According to

Coach Bythwood, Mr. Santos is a dedicated parent and the team appreciates his assistance. Mr. Santos maintains and drives the team bus.

Assisting Coach Bythwood with preparations for the program and also preparing the mouthwatering meal that was served to the players, parents, coaches and visitors, were members of the Belle Glade Police Department. The parents themselves also helped in the function. They were Laura Lester, Irvin Spencer, Santos Rodriguez Jr., Mary Rodriguez, Wilma Royal, A.J. Royal, Gloria McCleod, Robert Mobley, Lillie M. Williams, Irene Vereen, Nora Lindsey, Valerie Howell, Marletha Pompey, Danella Bythwood, Cynethia Summers, Nathaniel Jackson, Sr., Nathaniel Jackson, Jr., Larry W. Summers, Jr., Vilos Blackmon, Shirley Blackmon, Angela Perkins and Annie Bryant. While the police department prepared barbecue chicken and hot dogs, the parents prepared french fries, fried fish, and potato salad.

Coach Bythwood praised his wife, Louise, with much of the preparation for the event. He said she plays an important part of the team and it's success.

Coach Bythwood said he wanted the children to receive the recognition that they so rightfully deserved.

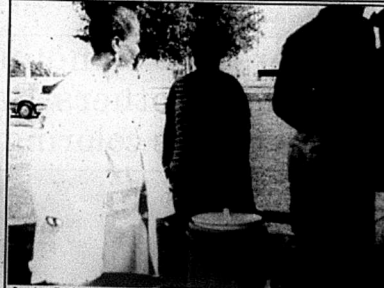


The youth football program celebrated the end of their winning season with a barbecue banquet held recently at Pioneer Park. During a ceremony, team members and coaches were presented with trophies for the season.

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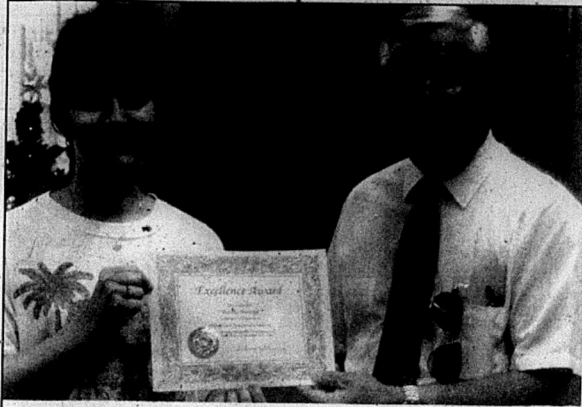
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The "Newsroom Excellence Award" was presented to *The Sun* Editor and General Manager Brenda Bunting by Florida Regional President Richard Hitt recently.

Winners are announced in the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus coloring contest

Six local families will be heading to the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus next week, thanks to a promotion by *The Sun* newspaper.

Each of the six winners will receive four tickets to the circus at the West Palm Beach Auditorium. The winners were Casey Gilbert, 6; Alondra Allen, 7; Marice Moreland, 12; Giovanni Amezquita, 7; Shawn Minor, 8; and one child whose name we failed to note.



Casey Gilbert



Alondra Allen



Marice Moreland



Giovanni Amezquita



Shawn Minor

Mt. Calvary to have musical workshop

There will be a citywide musical workshop beginning Jan. 4, and running through Jan. 8 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 399 Canal Street, Raderville, Belle Glade.

The pastor of members of the church invite others to join their mass choir in a workshop conducted by minister Phillip K. Jones of the Greater Faith Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

The sessions will begin nightly at 7 p.m. To help defray the expenses of the workshop, there will be a registration fee of \$5 per person.

For more information, call Mary Harrell, at 996-8087.



Betty Peterson, Home Health Aide, is Staff Builders Home Health Care Services, December Employee of the Month.

Betty is well known to the community for her care-giving skills and compassion as a Home Health Aide. Betty gives not only physical, but spiritual inspiration as well, to each of her clients.

Betty is the mother of three children who have grown up in the Glades. Her two daughters have followed her lead by being certified home health aides who are also employed by Staff Builders. She is a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and is an accomplished gospel soloist and member of her church choir.

Thank you Betty for your big smile and cheerful laughter, and a job well done!

Editor receives Independent News "Jim Miller Excellence Award"

Independent Newspapers, Inc., the parent company of *The Sun*, has announced that *The Sun* newspaper when Brenda Bunting, has won a 1994 Excellence Award for "Exceptional Newsroom Leadership."

The ninth annual recognition program recognizes exceptional accomplishments and contributions and memorializes the late Jim Miller, an Independent employee and editor whose bright, earthy writing was popularized in the *Delaware State News* for more than 30 years.

Independent Newspapers, Inc. owns 28 newspapers in four states, Florida, Delaware, Arizona and Maryland, and four printing companies. A record 50 employees and their newspapers and printing plants won awards this year.

Florida Independent Newspaper President Richard Hitt presented the award and a check to Mrs. Bunting on Dec. 13.

"Brenda is dedicated and efficient. She really lives by Independent's 'Newsroom Guidelines' with issue-oriented coverage, guest commentaries, group photos and a strong Speak Out column," said Mr. Hitt.

In addition, under her leadership, the paper has experienced a major financial turnaround in the past year as she built a solid team. She insists on continuous improvement for herself and others and involves people in decision-making," he added.

Mrs. Bunting has been in the newspaper business for 16 years, starting with the *Belle Glade Herald* in 1978 as the office manager and a part-time photographer and news reporter. She has seen the newspaper change hands and names three times, from *The*

Belle Glade Herald, to *The Herald-Observer* and then to *The Sun* newspaper when 'Independent bought the newspaper in 1987.

She became the editor in 1991 and added the title general manager in 1992. This is the second year in a row she has won the Jim Miller Excellence Award, having won last year for editorial page content.

"I'm stunned to win this two years in a row," said Mrs. Bunting. "I can't think of any

other job I would rather do than this, and to win an award for doing what I love is wonderful," she said. "Our newspaper isn't perfect and there are areas I want to see improve, but on the whole, I think our small staff does a good job of providing a lot of local, hometown news for our readers."

Mrs. Bunting and her husband, Bob, have lived in Belle Glade for 24 years. They have two married sons, Robert, Jr. and Chris.

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Why are they closing Airport Park?

"Why is Airport Park closed at 3:30 p.m. on a Thursday afternoon?"

I got off work and went out there to walk my dog, and it was closed.

This is four times, at least, in the last year that I have had to call someone at the police department to let me in. They have been very responsive, and I appreciate it, but I'm tired off because I have to turn

around and go and call them.

I also called the Belle Glade Recreation Department before I called the police department. I was told they had gone for the day.

J.D. Patrick with the Belle Glade Recreation Department responds: "It shouldn't have been locked, if it was, that was an error that won't happen again. We appreciate this caller bringing this to our attention."

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

Recently, while on a visit to a sick daughter in Davie, I happened to pass through the village of South Bay. Immediately upon rounding the curve from the north, I saw a sign announcing Speed Limit - 45 mph. Immediately, I made an attempt to slow from 57 mph to 45 mph. At the same instant, a city policeman going the other way claims to have clocked me at 62 mph. There were three vehicles all headed south and I was the middle one, and the only one from out of state.

While the not too courteous policeman was writing up my ticket he announced that he wasn't running a "speed trap" I hadn't even said anything about that. He must have read my mind or had a guilty conscience!

The policeman said that he was doing me a favor. Instead of charging me with "speeding" as originally announced, he was lowering the charge to some murky catch-all "Speed too fast for conditions." This saving me \$70.

Nice that the law is so flexible! It could have been a warning just as easily, if the issue was truly safety.

I announced to my son-in-law, who is a truck driver, what had happened. He said, "you got

caught in that South Bay Speed Trap that all of South Florida knows about?"

I would go to court and fight this injustice but when I read the following on the ticket, I know that I wouldn't get a fair hearing. It says, "NOTE: The Court may impose a maximum fine of \$500 or require attendance at a driver improvement school or both." Does that sound like equal protection under the law or "Kangaroo Court" rules?

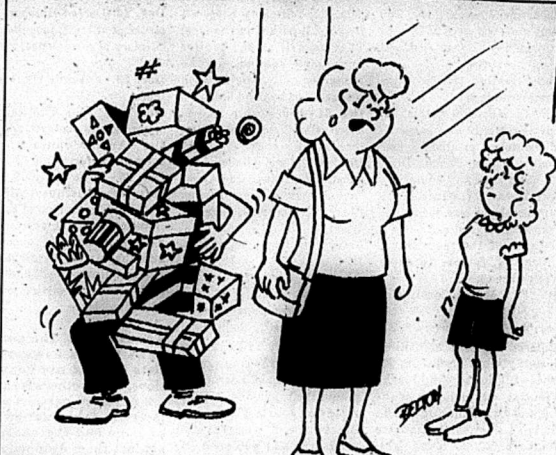
I just wanted you to know about how one tourist views the inflexibility of law enforcement in South Bay and Palm Beach County.

Sincerely,
J.H. Ewing
Findlay, Ohio

South Bay's Chief of Police, Charles Napier, responds.

"This is a disgruntled citizen who received a traffic citation. He does not dispute the fact that he was speeding, only that he was issued a ticket instead of a warning."

South Bay is not a speed trap. It is a city which will ticket people who are violating our traffic laws or any other laws."



"WHY DO I TAKE YOUR FATHER SHOPPING IF ALL HE DOES IS GRIPE... YOU DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO CARRY ALL THAT STUFF BY MYSELF DO YOU?"

Loved ones are not gone but only in "the next room"

By Paula Swaford, R.N., Administrator, ABC Home Health Services, Inc.

It seems to me that just as the sentimental holidays roll around every year, we seem to hear of more tragedy, grief and suffering.

Is there really more...or are we just more in tune to family and home situations at those times?

I found this poem that I would like to share with all of you who have lost a friend, a companion, an acquaintance, a co-worker, or a treasured loved one.

"Death is nothing at all...I have only slipped away into

the next room. Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.

Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced "air" of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me: Let my name be ever the household word that it

always was.

Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was.

There is absolute and unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well."

Death is something that we never get used to; but time does help us learn to cope with it...each in our own way. Treasure the memories as you continue your own life's walk.

Blackboard bungle: Schools are missing the mark on economic basics

By David H. Busse
President of the Institution for World Capitalism

"The trouble with people is not (what) they don't know," observed the 19th Century humorist Josh Billings, "but that they know so much that ain't so."

When Washington politicians discuss the wonderful things government does for the economy (others might say to the economy), a casual listener not versed in economics could infer that government is the engine of prosperity and wealth.

Indeed, President Clinton was elected in 1992 apparently primarily as the result of his promise to involve government more actively than had the Bush Administration in "creating jobs" and "getting the economy moving again."

The tendency of many Americans to think of government as the primary factor in promoting and sustaining economic well-being may reflect the lack of understanding of the basics of economics, given that it is the private sector that creates jobs,

produces income, and otherwise determines our economic health as a nation.

Just as members of Congress cut ribbons and praise themselves for having spent our money on new public projects, presidents have a habit of taking credit for the economic good fortune produced by the marketplace - and more than a few voters perennially buy the conceit lock, stock and pork barrel. Is there a general lack of economic "literacy" that contributes to the modern tendency to see the state as the alpha and the omega of material abundance? A 1992 survey by The Gallup Organization and the National Center for Research in Economic Education would seem to suggest it.

According to the survey, only 39 percent of the public was able to answer the most basic questions about economy. Only 36 percent knew the basic purpose of profits in an economy, and just 13 percent had any idea of the percentage rate of profit earned by major American corporations.

The survey findings contained this warning: "This economic illiteracy has the potential to misshape public opinion economic issues and lead to economic policies that have negative or perverse effects on the economy."

That one sentence may explain the persistence of political support for expansion of the American welfare state at a time when much of the rest of the world is moving toward capitalism and free markets.

Did those interviewed for the survey believe they had gotten enough information about the economy when they attended high school or college? According to the council, "The only issue in the survey on which there was a near unanimous agreement was that the schools should teach more about how our economy works."

Perhaps the first economic reality our schools can do a better job of teaching is an obvious one: government does not enrich the free market, the free market enriches the government.

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Crimestoppers



Jeffery Woodson

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc. is asking for your help in locating Jeffery Woodson. He is wanted on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Woodson is 32 years old. His last known address was 70 Roosevelt Street, Belle Glade. He stands 6' 1" and weighs 145 pounds.

He has black hair and brown eyes. His last occupation was as a laborer and

his Social Security number is 261-53-6491. His warrant was active as of Dec. 19, 1994.

If you know the whereabouts of Woodson or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers, 1-800-458-8477. You do not have to give your name.

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Belle Glade Police Department's Arrest Blotter for Dec. 19 - Dec. 25

The Belle Glade Police Department investigated 766 complaints the week of Dec. 19 through Dec. 25 and handled 16 crime scenes.

Those issued traffic citations included:

Dec. 19- Kenneth Mathis, 27, driving while license suspended or revoked, expired tag four months or less; Pamela Diaz, 37, child restraint violation; Jose Zavas, 27, expired tag four months or less; Kerry Lee Crawford, 20, loud radio over a distance of 100 feet; Maria Lopez, 20, failure to show driver's license.

Dec. 20 - Marion McMullen, 43, unlawful speed.

Dec. 21 - Brenda Woodard, 27, expired tag four months or less; Sylvia Villanueva, 28, unlawful sunscreen; Joseph Fleuriat, 22, violation of the right-of-way, failure to exhibit driver's license; Antionette Ransudo, 22, ran a red light; Ression Michel, 42, expired tag less than four months.

Dec. 22 - Anthony Bridges, 30, violation of a traffic control device; Errol Smith, 44, obstructing traffic; loud radio over a distance of 100 feet; Kennedy Jones, 27, failure to exhibit driver's license; Jose Salazar, 43, no proof of insurance; Refugio Lopez, 56, failure to report accident.

Dec. 23 - Mary Walker, 44, parked in a fire lane; Roosevelt Brown, 51, parked in fire lane; Thomas Tillis, 37, trailer improperly loaded; Tyrone Richardson, 19, driving with suspended or revoked license.

Dec. 24 - Jean Thelice, 25, violation of traffic control device, careless driving.

Dec. 25 - Jessie Brown, 25, violation of right-of-way; Cesar Gonzalez, 19, careless driving; Ricardo Rivera, 19, careless driving.

Arrests for the week of Dec. 19-25:

Dec. 19 - Leroy Noble, 26, retail theft; juvenile, 17, burglary to a residence, grand theft, grand theft auto.

Dec. 20 - Larry Taylor, 29, loitering and prowling, grand theft, burglary of a structure, grand theft; juvenile, 16, contempt of court; Flesia Ann Blackburn, 27, aggravated assault; Ronald Haulcomb, 27, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

Dec. 21 - Joseph Harris, 19, contempt of court; Lavaris Brown, 18, grand theft auto; Fred Williams, 42, retail theft; Timothy Pruitt, 19, possession of a concealed firearm; Terry Pruitt, 18, possession of a concealed firearm; Felix Guzman, 26, domestic battery; Lee Odom, 27, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

Dec. 22 - Darren Hatcher, 24, contempt of court; juvenile, 16, burglary of a residence, grand theft.

Dec. 23 - Juvenile, 12, retail theft.

Dec. 24 - Jean Thelice, 25, opposing and obstructing justice; Arturo Santana, 24, domestic battery.

Dec. 25 - Willie Canty, 39, burglary of a business; Albert Willis, 21, contempt of court; Horacio Garza, 29, aggravated battery; juvenile, 15, opposing and obstructing by disguise; Bernard Humphrey, 36, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest without violence.

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Pahokee Police Department arrest blotter Dec. 18-24

Dec. 18 - Vincent L. Taylor, 34, of Belle Glade, unlawful speed; Catherine Thompson, 34, Pahokee, retail theft; Lois Kennedy, 51, Pahokee, unlawful speed; Barbara J. Chambers, 45, Bryant, obstructing the roadway; Juan Mata, 22, Pahokee, suspended license, no proof of insurance.

Dec. 19 - Winston C. Thompson, 38, Belle Glade, unlawful speed; Bernard Jones, 31, Pahokee, felony retail theft.

Dec. 20 - Jose J. Cabrera, 35, Pahokee, suspended license; Rodney Hamilton, 19, Pahokee, suspended license.

Dec. 21 - Cemuel A. Yarbrough, 19, Pahokee, domestic battery; Terrance L. Johnson, 19, Pahokee, unlawful use of a temporary tag, no proof of insurance, violation of a driver's license restriction; Vincent R. Wright, 28, Belle Glade, expired tag; Tennille Alexander, Pahokee, retail theft; Olgan Hawthorn, 37, Pahokee, disorderly intoxication.

Dec. 22 - Hosea Green, 29, Pahokee, suspended license, expired tag, warrant issued for solicitation of prostitution; Annanias Kelly, 65, Pahokee,

no proof of insurance. Dec. 23 - Alfredo Nava, 23, Canal Point, fleeing a police officer, tag not assigned to vehicle, no proof of insurance; Ricardo Rodriguez, 33, Lake Worth, battery on a police officer and driving with a suspended license; Jimmie L. Nelson, 39, Pahokee, domestic battery. Dec. 24 - Joel Maldona, 34, Pahokee, open container violation; William M. Orr, 26, Pahokee, battery, criminal mischief, resisting arrest; Devon Grant, 28, Pahokee, tag not assigned to vehicle, failure to stop at a stop sign.

Residents urged to enter "Largest vegetable contest"

The Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service and the South Florida Fair are again sponsoring a Largest Vegetable Contest to recognize local vegetable growers. The contest is open to anyone growing vegetables including commercial growers, however, the vegetables entered must be grown by the exhibitor.

The Largest Vegetable Contest, which is held annually on opening day of the South Florida Fair, has six prize categories ranging from \$25 to

\$200 for adults 18 years and up and youth under 18 years. Twenty-five common vegetables, including some tropical vegetables, are eligible for entries.

To enter the contest, applicants should bring their vegetable to the fairgrounds on opening day between 10 a.m. and noon and take the vegetable to Building 6 which is the Agricultural Building. There they will fill out a registra-

tion form, have their vegetable weighed and at noon the winners will be announced. The winner will be determined by multiplying the weight of the specimen in ounces by the points per ounce with the largest score being the top winner. No more than one prize, however, can be awarded to a person.

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The Belle Glade Guardian Ad Litem office is seeking volunteers to represent abused and neglected children.

Training will be held Jan. 9 through Jan. 11 from 6 until 10 p.m. in the Glades Office Building.

Volunteers will receive 12 hours of training. Representatives from HRS, Victim Services and Judge Michael Miller's office will be on hand to answer questions and discuss their programs. Persons interested should contact Julia Wilkinson at 996-4894.

"In Loving Memory of Richard Waldon" you are gone from our sight but you will never be gone from our hearts.

There is an empty place in our hearts and lives because of you being gone but we thank God for the wonderful memories we have of you. We loved you so very much and you will always be missed.

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Alice in Wonderland at Dolly Hand



By Maria Wise Miller.

People today are in such a hurry. Stress seems to fill our lives. We have deadlines at work or school. Chores that can't wait at home. Family matters to deal with everyday.

No wonder we usually collapse once we finally get into bed, that is, if we aren't thinking about what we have to do tomorrow.

If this sounds familiar, you are

not alone. But somewhere, in these crazy schedules, don't forget to make time to uplift your spirit.

Theatre, plays, music, and dance, can provide just the prescription you need to help you deal with stress. The theatre can make you laugh or cry, proud or humble and often just glad to be alive.

The arts enrich our lives. The gift they provide is priceless. And to the human soul, the arts are as necessary as bread and water to the body. You would not starve yourself or a loved one, then also think about what nourishes the human spirit and take the time to attend programs at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Upcoming programs at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center include ALICE IN WONDERLAND on Jan. 7, at 3 p.m.

and at 6 p.m. This is a special production starring children from the Glades area. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$1.

Next in January is I AM THAT I AM; WOMAN BLACK on Jan. 14, at 7:30. This play opens our African American women's leaders including Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, Angela Davis, Maya Angelou and the Glades' own Zora Neale Hurston.

On Jan. 27, the Big Band is coming to town. Vic Knight and his WDBF Big Band will bring back that swing era music that is part of our American heritage.

This year, take the time and collect the rewards. Attend some performances and walk away with a stronger sense of self by experiencing the triumph of the human spirit -- and don't forget, IT'S ENTERTAINMENT!!!!



Is your child a star? Try-outs for children to star in "Alice in Wonderland" at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center will be Jan. 3, at 3:30 p.m. at Gladeview Elementary in Belle Glade.

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1995 hurricane season forecast is very active



By Mike Lyons

"Tis the season to be jolly. No, I'm not talking about the holidays, (although that phrase certainly does apply) I'm referring to the change in our weather. Welcome to the dry season in Florida. That wonderful five month stretch characterized by cool nights, mild days and very little rain.

For those of us who call this place home, the dry season has been slow in coming. This past

week's heavy rains (up to 9 inches in some parts of our area) made it the wettest December in history. Our yearly total of over 85 inches means it's the second wettest 12 month period since we've been keeping records.

Eventually, though, the real dry season will kick into gear and the living will be easy. But, before you get to comfortable with that thought let me burst your bubble with the latest from Dr. Bill Gray. Call him the Grinch who stole Christmas.

Dr. Gray is a professor of atmospheric science at Colorado State University who has become well known for his forecasting ability. Dr. Gray doesn't forecast rain or snow or even changes in temperatures. What he does predict is hurricanes and he's the best in the business.

He is so good that he can predict the number of hurricanes and tropical storms months before they even develop. That's why I'm calling him a Grinch. The holidays are in full swing,

the hurricane season is over six months away, yet Dr. Gray has issued his forecast for 1995. A prediction you're not going to like.

Dr. Gray thinks the 1995 season will be "extremely active." Specifically, he is forecasting 12 named storms, eight hurricanes and three major hurricanes. "This year, more of the factors we use to issue our forecast point to an active season than we've seen since the active years of 1988 and 1989," Dr. Gray said.

Dr. Gray's forecasts are for tropical systems that form in the Atlantic Basin, the region that includes the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. His forecast does not predict where the storms will make landfall.

However, on the average the U.S. coastline is struck by at least one hurricane each year. Florida has been hit more often than any other state (58 times this century!). So, when Dr. Gray says we'll see more storms in the Atlantic Basin all of us in

Florida should be concerned. Dr. Gray and his research team use five primary factors in their hurricane forecast: the strength or weakness of the El Nino, the direction of winds near the equator at 68,000 to 75,000 feet, rainfall in West Africa, temperature and pressure readings in West Africa and pressure readings in the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea.

Dr. Gray says several of those factors point to increased hurricane activity in 1995. "Chief among these factors is the long anticipated dissipation of the El Nino which I think will occur in the spring or early summer," Dr. Gray said.

If Dr. Gray is right (and he usually is) it means 1995 will be a busy year in the tropics. And, a potentially devastating one. We all remember what Tropical Storm Gordon did to our area. Well, Gordon was a weak storm. Imagine what a hurricane, a category three hurricane with 115 mile per hour winds, might do to our area.

See what I mean? Dr. Gray is the Grinch who stole Christmas.

Mike Lyons is the weatherman for WPBF, Channel 25.

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